

Information for Parents & Families of Science Bowl Students

Congratulations on your student's accomplishments! Additional information can be found on the website at <http://nationalsciencebowl.energy.gov>, click on "Events" then on "National Event". If you plan to travel to Washington, DC to attend the National Science Bowl (NSB) here's what you need to know.

Traveling to the National Science Bowl

All teams traveling by airplane or Amtrak and arriving on Thursday, April 30th will be picked up by NSB shuttle buses. Only official science bowl participants may board science bowl buses, **at all times**.

Lodging

Team lodging, meals, and most activities will be at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. www.4hcenter.org. There are no more sleeping rooms for families available, so please arrange for your rooms at another area hotel. The NSB website has a list of hotels close to the 4-H. There is ample parking available at the 4-H Center or you can take metro/bus to the Center.

Meals

Families may purchase meal tickets at the 4-H Center's lobby front desk, but keep in mind that there may not be space in the cafeteria, as we are feeding 750 people in two shifts for most meals. It might be faster to zip down the street to a nearby restaurant than to wait in line.

What can we watch or do with them?

The schedule of events is also on the website and your team's coach has received this document. Since only official science bowl participants may board science bowl buses, you can take your own car or the metro and meet the teams down on the Mall (where the museums are located). The following events are open to the public:

Middle School Teams

- Friday – meeting your team on the Mall as they tour museums
- Saturday – watching the academic competition at the 4-H Center
- Sunday – Noon on – watching the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Event at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD (about 1 mile from the 4-H Center), continue academic competition

High School Teams

- Friday – meeting your team on the Mall as they tour museums
- Sunday – watching the academic competition at the 4-H Center

On Monday, the Final Matches, Awards Ceremony, and luncheon will be held at the National Building Museum 401 F Street, NW, Washington, DC. Seating is extremely limited.

Contacting your student

You can call the 4-H Center at 301-961-2801 and be connected to your student's room. There is wireless access on campus and a cyber café where students can check their e-mail.

IMPORTANT – DO NOT TAKE YOUR STUDENT AWAY

The Department of Energy and the team coach are responsible to ensure the student is safe and having a great experience. As such, students are not to leave campus to have dinner with their family, visit a nearby relative, take the metro/car back to campus with their family, or depart for home early.